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To whom it may concern;

On your website you request input on the Anti-Trust case against Microsoft. Although I am not well versed in law I do know what a monopoly is, and Microsoft fits the description better than any textbook example I've ever seen. For Microsoft to propose a settlement enabling them to expand their monopoly into the education sectors is, in my opinion, a joke. Granted, their offer to help the less-privileged school districts in our country is a commendable one, but it seems more like they're trying to use this as a publicity stunt! Let's open our eyes a bit! If Microsoft really wanted to help education, they would provide the monies to the school districts for them to use at their own discretion! Providing a license of Windows to these schools is hardly a punishment! It's a boost in their business! It costs Microsoft less than a quarter to copy a disc containing their software! How is this supposed to break up and discourage a monopoly? I must say that I am sick of throwing money into Microsoft's mediocre operating system, horrible service, and I'm especially sick of wasting my tax money on settling this matter, when it is so obvious that they ARE a monopoly, and have NO intention to stop their unlawful practices.

Sincerely,

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